

HOUSE RESOLUTION 393

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A RESOLUTION to recognize William and Priscilla McNairy and McNairy's Flowerama and Gifts.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those exemplary entrepreneurs and business institutions that, through an abiding commitment to excellence, are a credit to this State; and

WHEREAS, William and Priscilla McNairy, who own McNairy's Flowerama and Gifts, are just such business owners, and they, along with their business, are wholly deserving of recognition; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five years of serving their customers at Pulaski Square, McNairy's Flowerama and Gifts closed its doors on April 30, 2008; a location for Tennesseans to purchase remarkable floral arrangements and memorable gifts or simply to chat with old friends, McNairy's Flowerama and Gifts, under William and Priscilla McNairy's direction, was truly a Tennessee institution that will long be remembered; and

WHEREAS, William and Priscilla McNairy are both consummate professionals and stalwart public servants, and they have worked assiduously in numerous capacities to improve the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, William McNairy, willing to sacrifice his personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, served in the military for thirty years, completing three tours of duty in Germany, fourteen months in Korea, and almost four years in Vietnam; he saw action in ten campaigns and received many awards, including the Bronze Star Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNairy is a valuable member of his community, and he lends his time and talents to many noteworthy causes; he has rendered sterling service as a minority representative on the board of the South Central Tennessee Development District and as a member of the University of Tennessee Extension Board of Directors. He maintains

membership in the Target Community Association, the Giles County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Giles County Chamber of Commerce, the Martin Methodist College Annual Fund Campaign Committee, the Board of Directors for the First National Bank, Giles County United, and the Court of Calanthe No. 11 of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4577, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 262, and the American Legion Post 60; since 1998, he has been the State Chaplain of the Department of Tennessee Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, William McNairy also has distinguished himself as a member of the No.10 Free and Associated Masons, the PHA, and the Knights of Pythias Maceo Lodge No. 24; in 1992, he was elected Major General of the Grand Loge of the State of Tennessee, in which capacity he continues to serve; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McNairy is an active and devout member of Rocky Mt. Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which he has served as Elder, Church Session Clerk, and Chairman of the Finance Committee; he has also held offices at Elk River Presbytery and the Tennessee River Presbyterian; and

WHEREAS, not one to be overshadowed by her husband's good deeds, Priscilla McNairy is a valuable asset to her community in her own right; and

WHEREAS, as a school teacher, Mrs. McNairy devoted more than thirty-eight years to providing the highest quality education to Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, she currently holds numerous important offices in many noteworthy organizations; she is the President of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary Post 4577, Chairman of the South Central Tennessee Development District Area Agency on Aging and Disability in Columbia, a board member of the Senior Citizens Center, Treasurer of the Bodenham Community Club, and State Treasurer of the Court of Calanthe Maceo No. 11; and

WHEREAS, Priscilla McNairy also is a member of the Eastern Star Chosen Friends No. 87, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Giles County Democratic Women; and

WHEREAS, she is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Bodenham, where she serves as a Trustee and Sunday School Secretary; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize McNairy's Flowerama and Gifts and honor its owners, Mr. and Mrs. McNairy, for their unflagging commitment to excellence; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend William and Priscilla McNairy for their meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and commemorate McNairy's Flowerama and Gifts as one of the State's finest commercial and cultural institutions, as we extend to Mr. and Mrs. McNairy our best wishes for every continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.